

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2814
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PRIVATISATION OF WATER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether water of Ganga, Sheonath, Periyar rivers and other have been privatised even as the farmers and villagers thirst for water while Multinational companies are drawing million of litres of water a day from the rivers to supply 'safe' drinking water to the rich in the towns and cities;
- (b) if so, whether the World Bank money has poured in for privatisation of water in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Orissa;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether peoples' protests have been ignored in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the steps taken to rectify the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.